



***ARIZONA STATE SENATE***  
***Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session***

**AMENDED**  
**FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1330**

**parent-child relationship; termination; petition**

**Purpose**

Permits the county attorney to prepare a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent. Permits, instead of requires, the county attorney to prepare the adoption petition and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent and the adoption agency to submit a prepared petition for adoption to the county attorney.

**Background**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-127, the county attorney of the county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides is required to prepare the adoption petition and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent, on application of the person or persons seeking adoption. Furthermore, if an adoption is made through a licensed adoption agency, the adoption agency is required to submit the prepared petition for adoption to the county attorney.

Any person or agency that has a legitimate interest in the welfare of a child may file for termination of the parent-child relationship on grounds sufficient to justify termination (A.R.S. § 8-533).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

**Provisions**

1. Permits the county attorney to prepare a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent.
2. Requires the county attorney of the county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides to prepare the adoption petition and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent, on application of the person or persons seeking adoption.
3. Requires the adoption agency to submit a prepared petition for adoption to the county attorney.
4. Makes technical changes.

5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Restores the requirements that the county attorney prepare the adoption petition or that an adoption agency-prepared adoption petition be submitted to the county attorney.

Senate Action

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